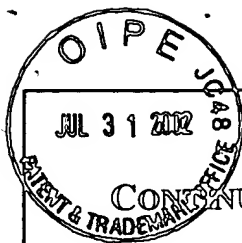


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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/031,326
Filing Date	February 26, 1998
First Named Inventor	Joseph J. Karniewicz
Group Art Unit	2123
Examiner Name	Thai Phan
Attorney Docket Number	303.376US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled  
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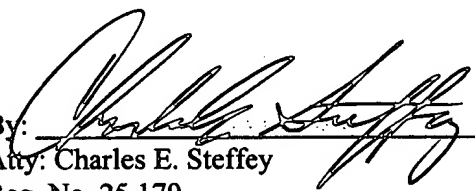
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1. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ☐
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ☐
3. ☒ An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (5 pages) is enclosed.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney (☐ pages) is enclosed.
5. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (☐ pages)
  - a. ☐ Form(s) 1449
  - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
6. ☐ A check in the amount of \$740.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees of \$740.00 and \$400.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
8. ☒ A petition for extension of time in the prior application (1 pages) is enclosed.
9. ☒ Other: A Clean Version of Pending Claims (5 pages)

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